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FOR PRESIDENT IN 1900 WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, Of Nebraska.

STATE LAND BUSINESS

is a summary of the land business transacted in the office of the Surveyor-General for the year 1899.

It shows the largest amount of land business ever done in the State of Nevada for any one year.

Three years ago Surveyor-General Pratt asked the Legislature for an extra clerk and this was denied him on the score of economy. He showed that the land office had more business than it could handle with the force allowed and that the State was losing interest money by reason of a lack of sufficient clerical help. Tho arguments were of no avail and the appropriation for clerical hire was with- block. held.

At the last session the same facts were laid before the Legislature and after a great deal of discussion one extra clerk was allowed when three were needed. As a result the land office has been able to handle more busines; and the extra amount of land sold show that the extra appropriation for a clerk has paid the State a hundred times over.

An attempt was made at the last session by interested parties to reduce the rate of interest on lands from 6 per cent to 4. The press opposed the attempted reduction as a raid on the School Fund.

It was predicted that if the bill was not passed there would be a falling \$80 off of fifty per cent in land applications and as much in interest.

But on the contrary the land application increased more than ever in the history of the State and the in- \$400 terest payments amounted to \$64,766 in '99 as against \$65 562 of the year before. Total falling off of interest payments \$786. Had the 4 per cent interest bill passed, the State would \$800 have lost from its School Fund exactly \$21,592.

It looks as if the six per cent interest rate on land is not considered exorbitant by the land holder, With \$4,000 the extra amount of land sold the receipts from this source will be considerably increased during the year

England was filled with joy on the glad New Year when Gen. French reported a victory over the Boeis at Colesburg. It was not many moons age that England was over joyous with censored victories. It is not impossible that the present victory may be of the same kind

The English papers are producing a number of pictures illustrating death and destruction to the Boers. They fail to chronicle any of the rapid retreats made by the English army.

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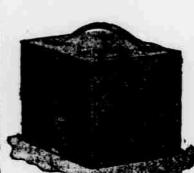
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